

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An edible film, comprising:

at least one oxidized starch, the at least one oxidized starch being present in an amount of from 20 to 80 % by weight relative to the total weight of the film;  
at least one cellulose compound selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose and carboxymethylcellulose, the at least one cellulose compound being present in an amount of from 15 to 70 % by weight relative to the total weight of the film; and

at least one active substance selected from the group consisting of a cosmetic substance, an aromatic substance, a pharmaceutical substance and a food substance, the at least one active substance being present in an amount of from 10 to 50 % by weight relative to the total weight of the film;

wherein:

the at least one oxidized starch and the at least one cellulose compound are chemically bonded to one another; and

the film is composed so that the film will dissolve within 10 seconds of contact with saliva.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one active substance is selected from the group consisting of probiotic food bacteria, prebiotic food bacteria and symbiotic food bacteria.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one active substance is selected from the group consisting of lactic bacteria, bifidobacteria, non-lactic bacteria and non-bifidobacteria microorganisms.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one cellulose compound is at least one of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and hydroxyethylcellulose.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The film as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one cellulose compound is at least one of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and hydroxyethylcellulose.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The film as claimed in claim 3, wherein the at least one cellulose compound is at least one of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and hydroxyethylcellulose.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): A process for producing a quick water-dissolving film containing cosmetic, aromatic, pharmaceutical and/or food substances, comprising the steps of feeding water, ethanol and at least one starch into a mixer, stirring at a temperature between 80°C and 100°C until the starch has dissolved and caramelized, adding at least one cellulose compatible with the starch and stirring until a homogeneous mass substantially free of ethanol is obtained, then cooling to a temperature between 25°C and 35°C, adding said substances and stirring until a homogeneous mass is obtained, which is spread with a doctor blade assembly onto the surface of a support web, heating in a through forced-air oven to a

temperature between 30°C and 40°C, cooling to ambient temperature, removing the film from the support and die-cutting it to the required size.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film is composed so that the film will dissolve within 7 seconds of contact with saliva.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film is composed so that the film will dissolve within a few seconds of contact with saliva.